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**Increased Compensation to Government Clerks.**  
The labor of a numerous and industrious body were terminated to day by the passage of the bill granting an additional compensation of twenty per cent to the clerks in the civil service of the government at Washington. There is great rejoicing among the clerks.

**Election of Congressional Printer.**  
The Senate to-day paid John D. Deffen, the printer of the House, the sum of \$1,000 for his services in the printing of the House and Senate documents. The printer of the House, John D. Deffen, was elected by the Senate to-day.

**The Public Debt Statement for February.**  
The monthly statement of the public debt will be published on or about the 1st of March. It will not show any very material difference from the last statement.

**The Seven-Thirties.**  
The Secretary of the Treasury has given notice that the holders of the seven-thirty notes, dated August 15, 1864, can now exchange them for six per cent bonds of the same amount, issued under the act of 1865. If at the time of the exchange the accrued interest on the notes should exceed the interest on the bonds, the difference will be paid by the department. If, on the contrary, the accrued interest on the bonds exceeds that upon the notes the difference may be paid in currency by the person proposing to make the exchange.

**Receipts from Customs.**  
The receipts from customs during this month will appear to have been quite heavy, and those from internal revenue sources unusually small—less than the former, this being the first instance of that kind. It will exhibit a heavy decrease on the gold basis, amounting to several millions of dollars, from which the interest on the ten-forties, due on the 1st proximo, will be paid. The forthcoming statement will be more favorable than that of last month, when there was an increase of the public debt, caused by heavy payments of interest during the month.

**Affairs in Utah.**  
General Hazen has addressed a letter from Jefferson Barracks to Representative Bidwell, who had requested a report of his observations upon affairs in Utah while there in October last. He says:—

"I think it important that the government should in some way strengthen its position in that Territory, and at the same time increase, by whatever means possible, our friendly relations with those people, and elevate their moral and social condition. The measures which I have recommended to the Secretary of War will, I believe, result in the real state of things growing up in the center of our territory. The lands of the Territory are still held by the government. If it is the policy to give actual title to the land to the people, it is a policy which will result in the real state of things growing up in the center of our territory. The lands of the Territory are still held by the government. If it is the policy to give actual title to the land to the people, it is a policy which will result in the real state of things growing up in the center of our territory."

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The bill appropriating \$1,300,000 for the repair and completion of the sea coast fortifications, passed the House to-day, after meeting with an able and spirited opposition. It was frequently amended, and the success of the measure during its discussion.

**The Naval Academy.**  
A spirited debate took place on the joint resolution relative to the removal of the Naval Academy from Annapolis. Mr. Phelps speaking for its retention at Annapolis, Mr. Jencks presenting the claims of Newport, Mr. Chandler those of Gardiner's Island, at the eastern end of Long Island, and Mr. Bragg those of New London. The House, by a large majority, voted for the removal to Newport.

**Bill Approving the President.**  
The President has approved the bill authorizing the construction of a submerged tubular bridge across the Mississippi at St. Louis, and the amendatory anti-smuggling bill, by which it is provided that any foreign railroad company or corporation whose road enters the United States by means of a ferry or tugboat, shall own such boat, and shall be subject to no other or different restrictions or regulations in such employment than if owned by citizens of the United States.

**Georgetown Election—All Radical.**  
The official returns of the Georgetown election show not only the election of the radical candidate for mayor by nearly six majority, but the election of seven radical councilmen to four of the conservative party. It is said that the negro vote was solidly cast for the successful candidate.

**The New Orleans Custom House Frauds.**  
The committee on the New Orleans riots, who were also instructed to inquire into the alleged frauds in the New Orleans Custom House, have made a report on the latter branch, in which they say they decided not to attempt an investigation of matters concerning which no information had been given to them, or into occurrences not only the election of the radical candidate for mayor by nearly six majority, but the election of seven radical councilmen to four of the conservative party. It is said that the negro vote was solidly cast for the successful candidate.

**The Latest Most Interesting Event in the Prison of St. Louis.**  
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**The Agricultural Department.**  
The Senate Committee on Agriculture has, in accordance with the suggestion of the Secretary of the Interior, recommended the erection of a building for the exclusive use of the Agricultural Department. Judiciary square is recommended by the department as a suitable site for the building. The matter for the annual report of agriculture for 1866 was presented to Congress to-day and referred to the Committee on Printing. It embraces, in addition to the work of the department, papers from some of the best agricultural writers of the country, including Judge French, S. Edwards Todd, H. A. Willard, R. Foster Poore and William Clough, from the editorial ranks, and others well known in agricultural literature.

**Increased Business of the Patent and Pension Office.**  
Owing to the rapid extension of the business of the Patent and Pension office, it has been found necessary to vacate a number of the rooms now occupied by the other bureaus of the Interior Department in order to afford the required accommodations to the Patent and Pension offices.

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